

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

- 1 1. [Currently amended] A method for defining a theme and
2 associating it with a collaboration space, comprising:
- 3 said theme including a predetermined set of files
4 including a style sheet and a predetermined set group
5 of layout files, with a layout file for each of a
6 plurality of view modes of operation, each said layout
7 file specifying content and layout of a plurality of
8 skin components including logo, table of contents,
9 action bar, tool bar, and page content skin components,
10 and said predetermined set of layout files including at
11 least a page view mode layout file and a page edit mode
12 layout files, said common style sheet page specifying
13 font, size and color style for said skin components
14 common to each of said view modes of operation;
- 15 presenting to a user interface a gallery of themes from
16 which a user may choose a visual site design for
17 rendering said collaboration space to said user
18 selectively in each of said view modes of operation;

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19 rendering each said layout file to a browser for user
20 definition of said view modes of operation by providing
21 for each said layout file which skin components to use
22 and their respective locations, each of a plurality of
23 said skin components comprising a plurality selectively
24 of HTML tags and Java script within a skin component
25 tag; and

26 uploading said theme to said collaboration space.

1 2. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, said
2 collaboration space being a place.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, said place being a
2 file directory.

1 4. [Previously presented] The method of claim 2, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 dragging and dropping said theme from a user desktop to
4 an output control for uploading to a collaboration
5 space server.

1 5. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further

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2 comprising the step of organizing said collaboration space
3 according to an object model including place, room, folder,
4 page, member, form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and
5 placebot objects.

1 6. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1, said skin
2 components comprising logo, table of contents, action bar,
3 tool bar, and page content components, and said layout files
4 comprising page view, page edit, list folder view, headline
5 folder view, and slide show folder layout files.

1 7. [Canceled]

1 8. [Previously presented] The method of claim 2, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 integrating said collaboration space with an existing
4 web site by including in selective layout files links
5 to network resources.

1 9. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 uploading said theme to a server for caching in a cache

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4 of themes.

1 10. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 presenting to a user interface a gallery of themes from
4 which a user may choose and optionally tweak a visual
5 site design for rendering said collaboration space to
6 said user.

1 11. [Previously amended] The method of claim 10, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 tweaking a theme by selecting basic property changes
4 through said user interface to specific classes of a
5 style sheet; and

6 operating a collaboration space server to feed said
7 changes to said style sheet.

1 12. [Currently amended] A method for defining a theme for
2 style and layout of a collaboration space user interface,
3 comprising the steps of:

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4 said theme including a common style sheet page and a
5 predetermined set group of layout files for rendering
6 pages of collaboration space at a user interface
7 selectively according to a predetermined set of modes;

8 organizing skin components in said layout files into a
9 plurality of modes for said user interface, said modes
10 including page view, page edit, list folder view,
11 headline folder view, and slide show folder view, said
12 skin components comprising logo, table of contents,
13 action bar, tool bar, and page content skin components,
14 said common style sheet page specifying font, size and
15 color style for said skin components common to each of
16 said view modes of operation; each of said skin
17 components comprising a plurality selectively of HTML
18 tags and Java script contained within a skin component
19 tag;

20 rendering each said layout file to a browser for user
21 definition of said view modes of operation by
22 specifying in each said layout file skin component
23 positioning in said user interface;

24 specifying font, size and color style in said common

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25 style sheet page; and

26 importing said theme into collaboration space.

1 13. [Previously presented] The method of claim 12, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 rendering each said skin component individually
4 addressable.

1 14. [Previously presented] The method of claim 12, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 rendering in said theme said layout files and style
4 sheet pages responsive to collaboration space tags; and

5 responsive to a request from a user, importing said
6 theme into a place for instantiating said user
7 interface.

1 15. [Previously presented] The method of claim 14, further
2 comprising the step of providing links from said theme to
3 other collaboration space and system resources.

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1 16. [Previously presented] The method of claim 14, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 responsive to said theme, rendering said collaboration
4 space to said user through said user interface.

1 17. [Previously presented] The method of claim 16, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 presenting to said user a gallery of themes from which
4 to choose a visual site design for expressing the
5 identity and suiting the work to be done by a project
6 or team.

1 18. [Previously presented] The method of claim 16, further
2 comprising the step of

3 presenting to said user a gallery of themes from which
4 to choose a visual site design for rebranding a
5 collaboration space for inhouse applications.

1 19. [Previously presented] The method of claim 16, further
2 comprising the step of

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3 presenting said collaboration space to said user
4 through a theme tailored to the identity of said user.

1 20. [Previously presented] The method of claim 19, said
2 theme structuring said interface for communication with a
3 physically challenged user.

1 21. [Original] The method of claim 16, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 developing a theme for applying a common look and feel
4 to multiple layouts by applying code from one layout to
5 all layouts for which a file has not been explicitly
6 supplied.

1 22. [Original] The method of claim 18, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 including in said gallery of themes a default style
4 sheet including a plurality of selectors;

5 for specific selectors in a user style sheet tweaked by
6 said user, changing said specific selectors; and

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7 for other selectors in said user style sheet not
8 tweaked by said user, using a corresponding selector
9 from said default style sheet in said user style sheet.

1 23. [Currently amended] System for designing a theme and
2 associating it with a collaboration space user interface,
3 comprising:

4 said theme including a style sheet and a group
5 predetermined set of layout files;

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7 said common style sheet page for defining a plurality
8 of different display modes for said user interface,
9 said layout files including a layout file for a
10 plurality of modes of operation, said modes of
11 operation including page view, page edit, list folder
12 view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view,
13 and each said layout file including a plurality of
14 components including logo, side bar, page content,
15 action bar, and tool bar components, each of a
16 plurality of said components comprising selectively
17 HTML and Java script contained within a skin component
18 tag;

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20 a browser for rendering each said layout file to a user
21 for definition of said view modes of operation by
22 specifying in said layout files components positioning
23 within said user interface;

24 said common style sheet page specifying font, size and
25 color style for said components; and

26 an upload control for uploading said theme to said
27 collaboration space.

1 24. [Currently amended] The upload control of the system
2 of claim 23, further ~~for~~ for receiving said layout files
3 from a local storage for uploading to a collaboration space
4 server.

1 25. [Previously presented] The system of claim 24, further
2 comprising:

3 a drag and drop facility for dragging and dropping said
4 layout files from a desktop to said output control.

1 26. [Canceled]

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1 27. [Original] The system of claim 23, said collaboration
2 space being structured according to an object model
3 selectively including place, room, folder, page, member,
4 form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot
5 objects.

1 28. [Previously presented] The system of claim 23, said
2 components consisting of logo, table of contents, actions,
3 tools, and page content.

1 29. [Previously presented] The system of claim 23, said
2 theme consisting of a page read mode, page edit mode, a
3 folder list and response, a folder headline, and a folder
4 slide show pages and a style sheet page for defining said
5 look and feel of said user interface and for providing links
6 to other collaboration space resources.

1 30. [Original] The system of claim 27, further comprising:

2 a main room having a first theme for defining its look
3 and feel;

4 a subroom linked to said main room;

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5 said subroom inheriting said first theme unless a
6 custom theme has been defined for said subroom.

1 31. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform operations for defining a
4 theme for layout of collaboration space user interface
5 components, comprising:

6 constructing said theme to include a common style sheet
7 page and a group of layout files;

8 rendering each said layout file to a browser for user
9 definition of said view modes of operation by defining
10 for each said layout file which skin components to use
11 and their respective locations, said skin components
12 including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and
13 tool bar components, said components comprising logo,
14 table of contents, action bar, tool bar, and page
15 content components, and said layout files including at
16 least page view mode and page edit mode layout files,
17 said common style sheet page specifying font, size and
18 color style for said components common to each of said
19 view modes of operation;

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21 defining said group of layout files to include a layout
22 file for each of page view, page edit, list folder
23 view, headline folder view, and slide show folder view
24 modes of operation;

25 defining in said style sheet formatting characteristics
26 of said skin components, each of a plurality of said
27 skin components including selectively HTML and Java
28 script contained with a respective skin component tag;
29 and

30 uploading said theme into collaboration space.

1 32. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform operations for
4 controlling style and layout of a collaboration space user
5 interface, said method steps comprising:

6 rendering each said layout file to a browser for user
7 definition of said view modes of operation by defining
8 for each said layout file which skin components to use

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9 and their respective locations, said skin components
10 including logo, side bar, page content, action bar, and
11 tool bar components, said components comprising logo,
12 table of contents, action bar, tool bar, and page
13 content components, said layout files including at
14 least page view mode and page edit mode layout files,
15 said common style sheet page specifying font, size and
16 color style for said components common to each of said
17 view modes of operation, and each of a plurality of
18 said components including a plurality of HTML
19 statements contained with a skin component tag;

20 organizing skin components in said layout files for
21 establishing a plurality of different display modes for
22 said user interface, said modes including page view,
23 page edit, list folder view, headline folder view, and
24 slide show folder view;

25 specifying in each said layout file skin component
26 positioning in said user interface;

27 specifying font, size and color style in said common
28 style sheet page; and

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29 importing said theme into collaboration space.

33-34. [Canceled]

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